

Fair and Colder  
Tonight.

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## LAKE ERIE VESSEL DESTROYED BY FIRE AS BLIZZARD RAGES

Two Dead, and Thirteen  
Last Seen Adrift in  
Open Boat.

## SIX MEN RESCUED BY STEAMER HANNA

Anchor Line Freighter Burned to  
Water's Edge Near Ontario  
Shoals—Life-Savers Search.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—The  
anchor line freighter Clarion  
burned to the water's edge off  
Southeast Shoal, Point Pelee, Ont.  
last night.

The first mate and one of the  
crew perished. Six members of the  
crew are in Cleveland.

The captain and twelve others  
left the ship in a steel life boat and  
have not been heard from.

The six men brought to Cleve-  
land were taken off the burning boat  
by the steamer Hanna.

## ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

They attempted to leave the Clarion  
with one other man in a yawl.  
The yawl was swamped and six of  
them swam back to the Clarion.

The seventh sank.

An hour afterward the Hanna  
came to the rescue.

## ANCHOR LINE OFFICIALS FEAR THAT

Capt. E. J. Bell, of Ogdensburg,  
and the twelve men who left the  
Clarion with him on the steel life-  
boat are lost.

## MATE SUFFOCATED.

The mate, whose name has not  
been learned, was suffocated shortly  
after fire broke out. He went  
into the hold to investigate. Captain  
Bell following, fifteen minutes  
later, found him dead in a com-  
panionway.

The six survivors brought to Cleveland  
were suffering severely from exposure.  
Physicians who attended them said that  
while exhausted, they would recover.

The Clarion was a wooden steamer,  
240 feet long, 26 feet beam, and built in  
1881. She was carrying package freight  
and coal. The fire broke out shortly  
after the Clarion passed Amherstburg,  
Ont., and in a few minutes the vessel  
was doomed.

## Gale Raging.

At the time the fire broke out a gale  
was raging, the sea was running wild,  
and icy waves swept the decks, while a  
blinding snowstorm was raging. This  
snowstorm prevented the vessel's sig-  
nals of distress being seen by the life-  
saving station crew at Point Pelee.

## The burning vessel was first sighted

by the steamer H. P. Bope, of the Wol-  
vin line. The Bope flashed warning of  
the disaster to Cleveland by wireless.

## Telegraphs For Aid.

Telegrams were sent to Detroit, Am-  
herstburg, and other ports near South-  
east shoals, asking that aid be sent.

## The tug James B. Hackett, of Am-

herstburg, set out last night and made  
thirty miles along the shore without  
finding the burning boat. Then it put  
back, its crew overcome by exhaustion.

## The Detroit life-savers are this morn-

ing searching for the captain of the  
Clarion and the twelve men of the crew  
who left the burning steamer in the life-  
boat.

## CHILD SAVED; AUTO RUINED.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 8.—Turning  
his auto on the icy asphalt, to avoid  
biting a child in his way, Alfred H.  
Rush, of Phoenixville, smashed his car  
against a telegraph pole here.

## WEATHER REPORT.

It will be colder tonight in the At-  
lantic States, with freezing temperature  
in northern Florida and frost to the  
27th parallel in that State.

Storm warnings are displayed on the  
Pacific coast.

The winds along the New England  
coast will be moderate westerly; on the  
Middle Atlantic coast, light to moderate  
west to northwest; on the South At-  
lantic coast, light to moderate north-  
west; on the Gulf coast, light to moder-  
ate north to northeast.

## FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair, colder tonight; temperature about  
10 degrees. Friday fair, continued  
cold; light northwesterly winds.

## TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. .... 21  
10 a. m. .... 21  
12 m. .... 21  
2 p. m. .... 22  
4 p. m. .... 22  
6 p. m. .... 22  
8 p. m. .... 21

## TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide 5:49 a. m., and 5:42  
p. m. Low tide, 11:36 a. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 6:23 a. m., and  
6:24 p. m. Low tide, 12:35 a. m., and  
12:35 p. m.

## SUN TABLE.

Sun rises ..... 7:07  
Sun sets ..... 4:28

## CONDITION OF WATER.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 9.—  
Both rivers clear.

## DENMARK STUNNED BY CLAIM OF FRAUD

Alleged Exposure of Dr.  
Cook Creates Sensation  
In Copenhagen.

## SEVEREST TEST FOR ALL RECORDS

Danes Have Confidence in Sci-  
entists Who Will Make  
Investigation.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 9.—If Dr. Fred-  
erick A. Cook's North Pole discovery  
records have been faked, according to  
the affidavit of Capt. August Wedel  
Lund and George H. Dunkle, an insur-  
ance agent, the Danish scientists will  
discover the fraud when they examine  
his data.

This is about as far as the scientific  
authorities would go today in discus-  
ing the latest story from the United States  
seeking to discredit the claims of Dr.  
Cook. The story caused a big sensation  
here, but owing to the fact that the  
leading scientists are likely to be iden-  
tified with the official investigation of the  
records, none would comment exten-  
sively on the merits of the new charges  
made against the doctor.

## Fail Under Test.

The scientists say that it would be  
impossible to fake records that would  
stand the test of a critical examina-  
tion, and for this reason they are  
not afraid of being duped.

Walter Lonsdale, secretary of Dr.  
Cook, today transferred the records  
from the Danske Landmanns Bank,  
where they were placed for safe-  
keeping overnight, to Chancellor Sal-  
monsens of the University of Copen-  
hagen. The transfer was made in the  
presence of United States Minister  
Egan, Prof. Ellis Stromgren, head of  
the astronomical laboratory, and other  
prominent men.

## Long Investigation.

The personnel of the investigating  
committee is still undecided, except that  
it is known that Prof. Stromgren will  
be the chairman. There is much dis-  
appointment that the university authori-  
ties are delaying in the selection of the  
committee. They intimate that it may  
be several days before the committee  
will be chosen, and that the investiga-  
tion may take several weeks.

To guard against tampering with the  
records, a guard is constantly on duty,  
and wherever the iron box containing  
the data goes, the guard goes with it.  
Lonsdale insisted that Dr. Cook is  
still in Bronxville, N. Y.

There is a distinct variance between  
the stories of Lonsdale and Dunkle as  
told separately.

## Reiterate Story.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Reiterating  
his declaration that he and Capt.  
August Wendel Lund "perfected" a  
series of astronomical observations for  
Dr. Frederick A. Cook, indicating that  
he would be found by an ambitious ex-  
plorer, he approached "Daily de-  
grees north," George H. Dunkle, an  
insurance broker today insisted that  
he has "turned" on Cook because the  
latter failed to pay him and his friend  
"balance of \$2,500 due on the per-  
fected records, turned over to Cook  
prior to the latter's secretary, Walter  
Lonsdale, starting out for Copen-  
hagen."

Because he did not get this money,  
Dunkle declared, he told the story of  
his alleged negotiations with Cook  
to a morning newspaper which has  
taken the story and in the Cook-  
Lund controversy, he positively de-  
clined to state if that newspaper paid  
him the \$2,450.

## Bradley Not Told.

Although in his published statement  
Dunkle left the inference that he met  
Cook through John R. Bradley, the  
financial backer of the Brooklyn doctor  
in his "dash to the pole," he today in-  
sisted that Bradley knew nothing of the  
plan to "frame" a set of records of  
"North Pole observations."

"John R. Bradley knew nothing of  
Dr. Cook's plan," Dunkle declared, "and  
myself to help him frame up his ob-  
servations," declared Dunkle, in his of-  
fice today. Bradley is a honest man  
and has simply been handed a lemon by  
Cook."

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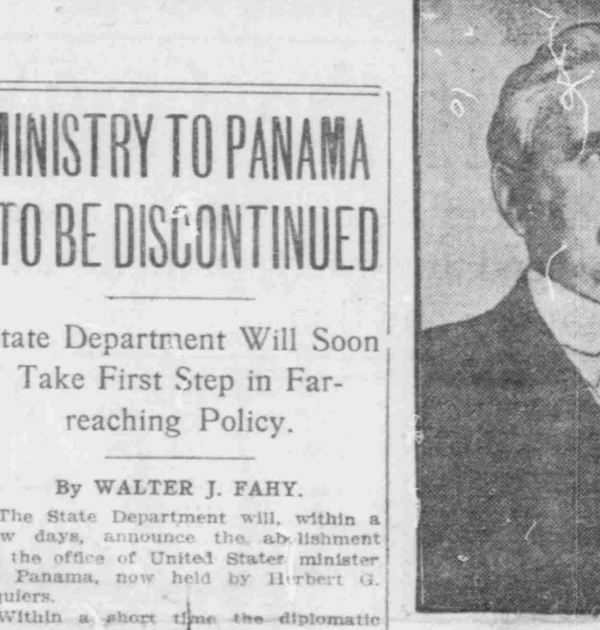
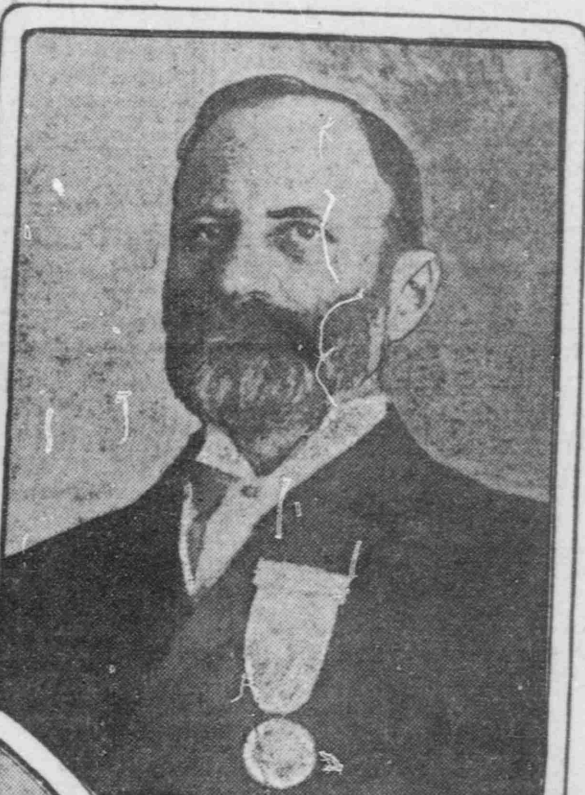
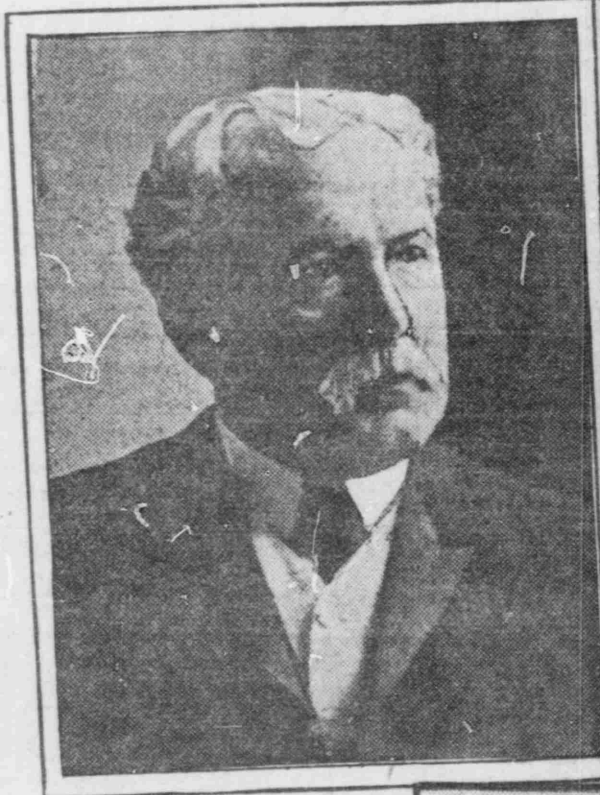
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Georgia will be chosen as leader at the  
caucus this afternoon. Senator Money  
can have the place if he desires it, but  
is understood not to want it.

## Prominent at Rivers and Harbors Convention

J. E. SMITH,  
Chairman Resolutions Committee.

H. M. COUDREY,  
Of Missouri.

JOSEPH E. RANDELL,  
President of the Congress.



## MINISTRY TO PANAMA TO BE DISCONTINUED

State Department Will Soon  
Take First Step in Far-  
reaching Policy.

By WALTER J. FAHY.

The State Department will, within a  
few days, announce the abatement  
of the office of United States minister  
to Panama, now held by Herbert G.  
Squires.

Within a short time the diplomatic  
work of this Government in Panama will  
be done by the civil governor, to be  
appointed by President Taft, as the  
successor to J. C. S. Blackburn, who  
recently resigned as civil governor of  
the canal zone.

The decision of the State Department  
to withdraw Minister Squires and turn  
his work over to a man who will act  
in the dual capacity of minister and  
civil governor, is but the first step in  
carrying out a policy, which, although  
not yet complete in all its details, has  
for its ultimate object the taking over  
of the republic of Panama by the  
United States.

## Not Yet Ready.

The Administration, of course, is not  
ready to show its hand in connection  
with the future which it is working out  
for Panama. In fact, the manner in  
which the youngest republic in the  
world will be deprived of its independ-  
ence has not yet been decided upon.

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and the girl he expected to marry with-  
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ty-four years old, a clerk in the store  
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early this morning in the parlor of his  
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haling illuminating gas.

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man, stumbled over the body of her  
brother about 5:30 o'clock this morning  
after a night of gas had awakened her.

Her screams aroused her father,  
James Moore, who immediately called  
in a physician. Although life was  
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to the Emergency hospital and the body  
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Moore was dead when examined by  
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